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# ILLINOIS RACING BOARD MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, December 21, 2010, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 9:30 a.m. in room 9-040, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman Joseph Sinopoli, Commissioners Jack Chamblin (telephonic), Angelo Ciambrone, William Farley, Jr., Jon Metcalf, Allan Monat, Michael Murphy, Dr. Paul Smith and Robert Winchester. Staff members Marc Laino, Shelley Kalita, Bob Lang and Mickey Ezzo were also present.

## ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUEST

Commissioner Metcalf moved to approve a request by Hawthorne Race Course for an intertrack wagering location license at 1447 Cannonball Trail, Yorkville, Illinois. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Tim Carey appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course.

Commissioner Metcalf moved to approve a request submitted by Hawthorne Race Course, Inc. for its 2011 spring stakes schedule. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Michael Campbell appeared on behalf of the ITHA.

Commissioner Chamblin moved to approve Hawthorne Race Course's request for racing officials for 2011. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve Balmoral Park's request for racing officials for 2011. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Maywood Park's request for racing officials for 2011. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

### OCCUPATION LICENSEE REQUEST

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to table a request submitted by YouBet.com, Inc. for an advance deposit wagering license for 2011. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by a vote of 5 to 4. Chairman Sinopoli and Commissioners Chamblin, Winchester and Metcalf voted against the motion. Brad Blackwell appeared on behalf Churchill Downs, John Johnston and William Johnston III on behalf of Maywood Park and Balmoral Park, and David McCaffrey on behalf of the IHHA.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve the following intertrack wagering licenses for 2011: Arlington Park, Balmoral Park, Fairmount Park, Hawthorne Race Course, Maywood Park and Quad City Downs. Commissioner Winchester seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Metcalf moved to approve the following intertrack wagering location licenses for 2011, that were not part of the InterTrack Partners dissolution: Arlington Park's two locations in Waukegan and locations in Villa Park, Hodgkins and Chicago Weed Street; Fairmount Park's locations in Sauget, Alton and Springfield; and Quad City Down's locations in South Elgin, Rockford, South Beloit, McHenry and Lockport. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve the following intertrack wagering location licenses for 2011, where ownership remained unchanged: Hawthorne's Joliet location; Balmoral's Champaign and Normal locations; and Maywood's Niles and North Aurora locations. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Metcalf moved to approve the following intertrack wagering location licenses for 2011, where ownership changed: Hawthorne's Corliss, Buffalo Grove, Mokena and Aurora locations; Maywood's Oak Brook Terrace and Elk Grove Village locations; and Balmoral's Crestwood location. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Tim Carey and Jeff Kras appeared on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course.

Commissioner Monat moved to approve the list of concessionaires for 2011. Commissioner Winchester seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve a request submitted by Ultimate Sports Bar, Inc. for a concessionaire's license at the OTB location at 1447 Cannonball Trail, Yorkville, Illinois. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote. Steve Koulis appeared on behalf of Ultimate Sports Bar.

#### **BOARD ITEMS**

Representatives of Maywood Park, Balmoral Park and the IHHA advised the Board that a contract for 2011 has been executed. The contract includes 52 week racing, a 5 % purse increase and the horsemen must continue to pay 30% of recapture owed in 2011.

Commissioner Monat moved to certify the following pari-mutuel tax credits: Arlington Park – \$1,879,391.65; Balmoral Park - \$134,488.34; Fairmount Park - \$82,683.02; Hawthorne Race Course - \$524,422.93; and Maywood Park - \$260,350.07. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Ciambrone moved to approve the following change in officers and directors in Amtote International, Inc. and XpressBet, LLC: remove Jane Lynn and Scott Fischer and add Lyle Strachan and Mike Rogers. Commissioner Chamblin seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Metcalf moved to approve the Board meeting schedule for 2011. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Winchester moved to approve the amended minutes of the November 30, 2010 Board meeting. Chairman Sinopoli seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Murphy motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Winchester seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Laino

**Executive Director**